

# POST GENEALOGY

Beginning with  
STEPHEN POST, the Puritan,  
Who came to America from England  
in the year 1633.

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THE COLONIAL POST FAMILY OF SAYBROOK  
AND HEBRON, CONNECTICUT:  
ABRAHAM POST AND HIS DESCENDANTS

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Lieutenant Abraham Post was active in the affairs of Saybrook, Connecticut during the latter part of the 17th century. He operated a business in trading goods from Saybrook, was apparently an expert land measurer, and had extensive dealings with the Mohegan Indians, whose language he was able to speak. The following genealogy traces his numerous descendants who at the time of the Revolutionary War lived mainly in the areas of Saybrook and Hebron, Connecticut. Of the 38 heads of household surnamed Post on the 1790 Federal Census for Connecticut, at least twenty-seven can be identified as being descended from him, as well as fifteen in Vermont, three in [Western] Massachusetts, and two in New Hampshire. The scattering of the family thus illustrates the typical migration pattern of the post-Revolutionary period.

This work was originally intended to trace the ancestry of Henrietta Minerva (Post) Bidwell (No. 22-a-7 below), whose origins family tradition placed in Colebrook, Connecticut. The author soon discovered that very little information about the Connecticut Post family exists in the printed genealogical literature. The only study available is *C. W. Post – The Hour and the Men: A Biography with Genealogical Supplement* (Washington, D.C., 1963, hereinafter *C. W. Post*) by Nettie Leitch Mayo, which traces the lineal ancestors of Charles William Post and his socialite daughter Marjorie Meridianweather Post. It represents the beginnings of a Post genealogy for the 17th century and identifies the English home of Stephen Post, the immigrant to New England. Most of the 18th century is not treated and what material is presented for that period unfortunately is very poorly referenced. In addition, a number of important record groups were overlooked, most notably the Guilford Probate District where Saybrook estates were probated from 1730 to 1738.

However, it appears that at least two attempts were made in the 19th century to publish a genealogy of the Connecticut Posts. The Connecticut Historical Society (hereinafter CHS) possesses two extensive 19th-century manuscript genealogies. The first of these, "The Post Family," was written by Rev. Frederick W. Chapman about 1874 (hereinafter *Chapman Ms.*), and traces descendants of Stephen Post. The second, three notebooks on the descendants of Lord Abraham Post and one notebook of miscellaneous,

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was compiled by George H. Post and is based on correspondence of the late 1890s, most of which is still a part of the collection (hereinafter Post Ms.) Needless to say, both of these manuscripts contain valuable family records which otherwise might not have been preserved. They are referred to herein when primary sources remain incomplete.

The abundant resources of the Connecticut State Library (CSL) were used to compile this work. All vital records cited are from the Barbour Collection, those for Saybrook are printed in *The Vital Records of Saybrook Colony 1635-1860 including the Towns of Chester, Deep River, Essex and Westbrook, Connecticut*, edited by Elizabeth Bull Plimpton (Saybrook, 1965). The church records for Westbrook, including church membership, are from Jean Rumsey, ed., *First Congregational Church of Westbrook, Conn.* (Dixon, Ill., 1979). Other church records (marked CEs) are from the Index of Church Records, CSL; and Connecticut gravestone inscriptions are from the Hale Collection there. In addition, the author personally visited the cemeteries at Westbrook, Essex, Hebron, and Gilead. The Connecticut Archives (Conn. Arch.) at the CSL, comprising petitions to the General Assembly, military records, etc., were also consulted, as were Connecticut probate records, now on microfilm, through the fifth generation of this family group. Other important primary sources used in compiling this work include the first two volumes of Saybrook Town Acts (the originals of which are at the CSL with photostatic copies in the Town Clerk's Office, Deep River), the last volume of Hebron Town Acts (original in the Town Clerk's Office, Hebron), and the photostatic copy of the Gilead Ecclesiastical Society meeting book at the Connecticut State Library. All places are in Connecticut unless otherwise indicated.

The following genealogical account is fairly standard except that where daughters married into families already treated in the secondary genealogical literature, the appropriate reference is given and the children of those families are not carried forward here. The identity of some of the women who married into the Post family is definitely known and indicated as such in this work. In other cases, the identity of the wives and mothers of the family is less certain and the author has indicated a probable identity, the proof for which must rest with future research. The author would like to thank the staffs of the CSL and the CHS for their kind and patient assistance and would also like to mention a special word of thanks to his late uncle, Mr. William Whittemore Low III, and his aunt, Mrs. Lucy E. (Bond) Low, of Old Lyme, to his brother, Professor Stephen Rudy of New York City, and to Mr. Thomas Canoni of West Hartford and Doha, Qatar.

1. (Lloul.) ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup> POST was the youngest son of Stephen<sup>1</sup> and Elinor (Panton) Post. Stephen Post was a carpenter who came from Otham, Kent, England, to Newtowne (Cambridge), Massachusetts about 1634 and then joined the group under Rev. Thomas Hooker which settled Hartford, Connecticut. He moved from Hartford to the Oyster River Quarter of Saybrook about 1645, where he died 16 August 1659 (Saybrook Deeds,

116, see Major, C. W. Post, 233-37, and Mary Walton Fenton, *Dowes-Gates Ancestral Lines*, 2 vols. [1943] [hereinafter *Dowes-Gates*], 2:467-68) Abraham's birth is given as about 1629 in the earlier genealogical literature. However, as no baptism occurs at Otham, Kent for him, it is probable that he was born after his parents arrived in New England. He appears to have come of age in 1661 and, thus, was probably born at Hartford about 1640 as stated in the Chapman Manuscript.

At a Saybrook town meeting held on 30 December 1667 Abraham Post, "Widow Post," and John Post drew the eleventh lot in undivided lands. A list of lots drawn in undivided land at Hartford "upland on the East Side ye River next to Windsor Bounds," dated 12 June 1669, shows an allotment of 90 acres to Stephen Post with the additional note: "This to Abram Post by gift of his mother" ("Original Distribution of the Lands in Hartford among the Settlers 1639," *Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society*, 14:493). Elinor Post died at Saybrook, 13 November 1670. She undoubtedly lived in her son Abraham's household, for her death is recorded in the Saybrook land records among the births of Abraham's children, along with the death of Abraham's mother-in-law, Ann (Bishop) (Jordan) Clark (Saybrook Deeds, 1:50). Abraham and his brother John Post are also on a 5 March 1673 list of proprietors of the Oyster River Quarter (Colman C. Gates, *Saybrook at the Mouth of the Connecticut* [Saybrook, 1935], 211-12).

Abraham Post married, first, probably about 1663, MARY JORDAN, who was born about 1640 and died at Saybrook 25 March 1683/4, daughter of John and Ann (Bishop) Jordan. She was a servant to Rev. John Davenport in 1661 (Donald L. Jacobus, *History and Genealogies of the Families of Old Fairfield* [1900, repr. Baltimore, 1976], 1:344). John Jordan is named as one of the trustees in a deed of Uxas to the settlers of Guilford, 17 December 1641, and also in a deed of Wickwash to Sir Whitfield, 20 September 1641, facts which seem noteworthy considering his son-in-law's later involvement in dealings with the Mohegans (see the *Register*, 62 [1906], 330-34). Abraham apparently married, second, LYDIA (BUCKLAND) (BROWN) (LOED) DUNK, daughter of William and Mary (Bosworth) Buckland and widow of John Brown, William Loed, and lastly Thomas Dunk (or Dunck), who appears to have been closely associated with both William Loed and Abraham. She died before 24 September 1700 when Benjamin Loed was administrator of the estate of Lydia Post (Conn. Arch., Private Controversies, Ser. 1, V:20, 211, Charles William Moulwering, *A Digest of Early Connecticut Probate Records*, 3 vols. [Hartford, 1904], 1:532; Kenneth Loed, *Genealogy of the Descendants of Thomas Loed* [New York, 1946] [hereinafter *Thomas Loed*], 72).

The first public mention of Abraham Post is an obligation of debt to him on the part of John Parne of Boston for £9 3s. to be paid the last of May 1661 (recorded in 1665), indicating that he was early engaged in a trading business (Saybrook Deeds, 1:50). On 16 October 1663 he sold a mace to Elias Doughty (*ibid.*, 1:48). In 1665 he was fined 30 shillings by the Colony of Connecticut for neglecting to make accounts with the Treasurer; and in the same year was admitted as a freeman (J. Hammond Trumbull, ed., *The*

*Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut* (Hartford, 1830) (hereinafter *Conn. Public Records*), 2:13, 14).

In 1645 and 1646 two confirmatory land deeds were given by Uncas, Sachem of the Mohegan, to the town of Saybrook. The first of these, dated 4 July 1645, mentions Abraham Post as one of those who are to see in the disposal of the tract of lands contained in the deed. The deed was witnessed by Abraham and Robert Lay. The second, dated 10 April 1646, also mentions Abraham as a trustee for Saybrook (*Gates, Saybrook*, 204-5, the original deed of 1645 is at the CST).

Together with Richard Raymond, Abraham is mentioned as a townman for Saybrook in the "Articles of Agreement betwixt Saybrook — Lyme, 13 Feb 1645" (*ibid.*, 221). In 1647 he was confirmed as captain of the Saybrook trainband (*Conn. Public Records*, 2:40). In 1649, together with Thomas Dunk, he witnessed a confirmatory deed given by Chapeau, a relation of Uncas, to William Lord of Saybrook, confirming a tract of land in the town of Lyme which later comprised the town of Salem (*Thomas Lord*, 71-2).

On 5 February 1671 Abraham was elected a townman for Saybrook and was also one of the collectors for the minister's rate. On 19 March 1673/4 he was to "measure Mr. Saiment's land" with John Parker and William Lord, on 16 March 1674 with John Clarke and John Tully to "run ye North line" between Saybrook and Killingworth. He also served as a later On 7 February 1675 William Parker, Jr. and Abraham "should view a lot land in the North Cove," and on 22 February 1676 Abraham was on a committee "to se[e] the towns lands at Marmakessock[?]" and lay them out.

Abraham Post was one of the legates in the 1676 will of Joshua, son of Uncas. He was granted 4,000 acres (*Conn. Arch., Indians*, Ser. 1, 1:30a; also *Register*, 12 [1839]: 235-36). This land was in the area part of which later became the town of Hebron, and was settled by many of his descendants (see No. 3 especially, note also *Dover-Gates*, 2475-81). An interesting reference to Abraham appears in the 1673 petition of Uncas to the Governor "explaining and justifying his conduct" after the outbreak of King Philip's War. In the petition Uncas complains that Abraham, "a linguist skilful in the Indian tongue," had charged Uncas with taking part in a plot against the English. Abraham utterly denied that he had reported Uncas involved in any such plot (*Conn. Arch., Indians*, Ser. 1, 1:30a, 37a).

At a Saybrook town meeting held on 17 December 1677 Ensign Post was elected a townman and on 3 December 1678 "Ensign Abraham Post, Senec" was appointed as one of the land measurers for the town. On that same date the town granted five acres apiece to the "Souldiers that went out of the Town in the Indian Wars [i.e. the Pequot War]." The land was surveyed by Abraham together with William Parker, Sr. and William Lord, Sr. (*Gates, Saybrook*, 164). On 22 December 1679 Abraham was chosen constable for Saybrook.

In 1680 Abraham was commissioned lieutenant of the Saybrook Fort (*Conn. Public Records*, 3:51). In that same year the General Court appointed a committee consisting of Abraham, Cape James Fitch, Charles

Hill and Lieut. Samuel Mason, to "try the line" between New London and the Mohegans. The committee was to see the line marked and settled "according to former grant of the Court, and good satisfaction of the Indians, if it can be attained, if not to make return of the matter how they find it..." They were to do likewise for Norwich and Lyme (*ibid.*, 71). The next year, 1681, the General Court appointed Abraham, together with Fitch and Mason, to "presumbrate" with Uncas "concerning those lands of Uncas that are out of any plantation bounds." They were "to take notice of and to commit to writing what they observe he demands, and what right he makes to appear to his demands..." Abraham was also appointed with John Tully to lay out lands granted to Edward Griswold by the General Court (*ibid.*, 81, 91).

Abraham served as a highway surveyor for Saybrook for the year 1683, was the "ordinary keeper" for 1684, and a townsmen for 1685. In October, 1685 he served as a deputy from Saybrook to the General Court (Conn. Public Records, 3 181). He was chosen as one of the patentees for the town at a Saybrook town meeting on 20 July 1685 and is named in the patent given by the Governor to the proprietors of Saybrook, 3 March 1686/7 (Gates, *Saybrook*, 223). On 8 December 1687 Lieut. Abraham Post was "to view a certain parcell of land lying betweene the land already land out at Patuxonke & haddam bounds." He was chosen constable on 30 May 1689. The last mention of him in the Saybrook town records is that he served on a committee appointed 19 August 1690 to consider a gift Edward Lorey had made to the town.

Abraham appears only a few times in the Saybrook deeds. As mentioned, in 1665 there were recorded to him debts payable in currency or in "good shop commodities" (Saybrook Deeds, 1 50). In 1667 he bought five acres of meadow from Edward Codner and in 1669 two acres of pasture from William Bushnell. In 1672 he drew Lot Number 14 (14 acres) in Patuxonk lands sold out to the inhabitants of Saybrook (*ibid.*, 1 50, 86). At a Saybrook town meeting held on 27 December 1680, confirmed by deed dated 25 April 1682, he was granted six rods of land by the town of Saybrook "for to erect a warehouse upon and to make a wharf there from into the water" (*ibid.*, 1 53). The estate papers of Thomas Dunk mention "2 hydes at Abraham Post warehouse 01-06-09" and the "Togs of Abraham Post" (Conn. Arch., Private Controversies, Ser. 1, 3 79, 82a). On 4 August 1687 it was recorded that Lieut. Abraham Post held a (250) right in the ox pasture (Saybrook Deeds, 1 117). There are also some miscellaneous papers concerning him in the Connecticut Archives: a letter in his own hand to Mr. (Richard) Ely, dated 20 March 1672; and his signature as a witness to a bill of Samuel Willis, dated 1 August 1690 (Conn. Arch., Towns and Lands, Ser. 1, 1 142, Private Controversies, Ser. 1, 3 219a, the text of the former appears in C W Post, 239-40).

The exact date of Abraham's death is not recorded in the Saybrook land records. He died in late 1690 or early 1691. As mentioned, the last reference to him in the Saybrook town records is on 19 August 1690. "At a Special Court holden at Saybrook March 3 1690/1" the inventory of the

estate of Lieut. Abraham Post, Dec'd., was exhibited and Stephen Post, "Eldest Son," was granted power of administration. James Post, aged about 20 years, chose Deacon William Parker for his guardian and Daniel Post, about 17, chose Sergeant John Clarke. Stephen Post chose Mr. John Chapman and Ensign John Pratt to be guardians of the other children. A distribution of the estate was made to Stephen Post, eldest son (a double portion, £121 8s.) and to Abraham, James, Daniel, Jordan, Joseph, Mary and Eleanor Post (£32 each) (New London County Court Records, 7:46, 50; original in CSl.). An inventory of the real estate, amounting to £487 8s. 9d., taken 5 June 1705 by John Pratt and John Kirtland, was recorded 5 April 1706 along with various business debts due to and from the estate (New London Probate, A. 321). It is interesting to note that the 4,500-acre right of land "given by tobacco sachet to the legatee[s] of Saybrook" was appraised at "fifteen pounds per thousand" or £60 total of the real estate. The other real estate was approximately 78 acres with various rights of division.

There is no record of distribution of real estate to sons Abraham and James Post. On 2 March 1694/5 Stephen Post granted portions from the estate to his brothers Daniel and Jordan (see Nos. 5 and 6); and in 1705 granted his brother Joseph his portion (see No. 7). On 28 October 1708 Stephen Post of Hebron wrote to Samuel Willard to record to his brother Daniel and his sisters Mary Pratt and Eleanor Parker one-third of a 1,100 right each in the Saybrook commons, "part of the Right which was my honored Fathers." (Saybrook Deeds, 2:217)

Children, by first wife Mary Jordan, born at Saybrook (Saybrook Deeds, 1:50); surname Post

2. i. STEPHEN<sup>2</sup>, b. 3 Dec. 1664, m. HANNAH HOSMER.  
 ii. ANN, b. 4 May 1667; prob. d. y., certainly before 3 March 1690/1
3. ii. ABRAHAM, b. 7 June 1667; m. ELIZABETH STEVENS
4. iv. JAMES, b. 14 March 1670/1, m. SARAH DOUGLAS
5. v. HENRY, b. 14 Dec. 1672; d. 4 Jan. 1672/3
6. vi. DANIEL, b. 28 Nov. 1673, m. MARY BUTTS
7. vii. JORDAN, b. 27 May 1676, m. PHOEBE LAY
8. viii. JOSEPH, b. 6 Feb. 1677/8, m. ELIZABETH (NEFTLTON) SLEIGHARD
9. ix. MARY, b. 24 Feb. 1678, m. at Saybrook 16 Nov. 1704, EDWARD BULL, b. 12 Sept. 1682 "at Abington in the parish of Stow ... in the County Gloucester in England," d. at Saybrook, 30 Aug. 1717, son of John Bull. She was probably m. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ PRATT. Mary Bull was granted administration of the estate of Edward Bull, 12 Feb. 1717/18 (Grafton Probate, not numbered). The distribution, dated 11 Jan. 1718/19, was to the eldest, eldest son John, and Edward Bull, George Cornell "on behalf of his wife Mary" and Hannah and Ann Bull.
- Children, b. at Saybrook, surname Bull:
  1. John, b. 3 April 1706.
  2. Mary, b. 22 April 1708; m. at Saybrook, 31 Jan. 1724/5 George Cornell 3. Sarah, b. 25 March 1714; d. 25 Jan. 1716, 4. Hannah, b. 18 March 1712/13 5. Ann, b. ca. 1714-15, m. ca. 1737-38 Daniel Lay (The Genealogist, 7:4[1964-67] 141). 6. Edward, b. 16 Aug. 1717, d. at Saybrook, 1 July 1784, m. there, 14 May 1739, Temperance Clark.
- x. ELIZABETH, b. 10 Feb. 1682; d. at Saybrook, 25 Dec. 1740; m. there, 10 Feb. 1708/9 (Lind.) JONATHAN PARKER, who d. before the distribution of his

estate, 23 March 1779. He m. (2) at Saybrook, 21 March 1759 MATHIA PLATT. His will, dated 18 June 1769, mentions wife Mathia, son Mathew and grandson Jonathan Parker; dau. Elmore, wife of Simon Smith of Haddam; dau. Esther, wife of Daniel Burt, Jr. of Killingworth, and dau. Ann, wife of Nathaniel Post (Godfred Postels; not numbered).

Children, b. at Saybrook, surname: Parker: 1. Jonathan, b. 21 Jan. 1709/10, d. at Saybrook, 7 Feb. 1796, m. there, 18 April 1732 Sarah Bushnell. 2. Mathew, b. 24 June 1712, m. Edith Harris, 3 Essex, b. 30 June 1714, m. Simon Smith of Haddam. 3. Lydia, b. 17 July 1716. 4. Esther, m. 4 Jan. 1744 Daniel Burt of Killingworth. 5. Ann, b. ca. 1721, m. at Saybrook, 1 July 1744, her cousin Nathaniel Post (see No. 19).

2. STEPHEN<sup>2</sup> POST (Abraham<sup>2</sup>, Stephen<sup>1</sup>) was born at Saybrook, 3 December 1664; and died at Hebron, 16 May 1752, aged 88 years (g.s.). He married at Saybrook, 14 June 1692 HANNAH HOOMER, who was baptized at Hartford (Second Church), 2<sup>o</sup> May 1670, died at Hebron, 23 January 1750/1, aged 80 years (g.s.), daughter of Stephen and Hannah (Bushnell) Hoomer. The will of Deacon Stephen Hoomer of Hartford, dated 2 November 1693, gives "eldest daughter Hannah Post £120, part of which I have already paid." (*Manuscript, Digest Early Conn. Probate, 1:472*)

As mentioned above, Stephen Post was the administrator of his father's estate. There are numerous land transactions for him in the Saybrook deeds which will not be mentioned here, except to note that he is styled "cooper" in most of them. He was elected sealer of measures for the town of Saybrook on 2 February 1690, and was a constable for the year 1695. He signed the 30 December 1691 agreement concerning use of the ox pasture and the 24 December 1694 agreement between the town and the "successors of original proprietors over land rights." He was also a sealer of leather for the year 1696, a highway surveyor for 1697, and a sheepmaster for 1698. On 28 December 1702 he was chosen one of the collectors of the minister's tax.

Stephen was an important figure in the founding of the town of Hebron and was one of the committee of four, including John Pratt, Robert Chapman and John Clarke, representing the proprietors or "Joshua's legatees," who petitioned on 8 May 1707 for a township (*Conn. Public Records, 5:25*). According to an early, undated half-page manuscript at the Connecticut Historical Society, about 1708 Stephen and his family "removed from Saybrook to Hebron and planted themselves near Post Hill in A Log House." The Saybrook deeds support this statement, for on 1 March 1707/8 Stephen and Hannah Post sold two acres in the "town plat" to Nathaniel Lyne (Saybrook Deeds, 2:185), and he is called of Hebron in subsequent Saybrook deeds.

Stephen was the recipient of many land holdings as a legatee of Joshua and by 1716 a description of his lands included a 100-acre lot (#4), home lots #63, 66, 67, 69 and 72, a 50-acre lot (half of #5), 100-acre lots #16, 36 and 80, and meadow lots #35, 37, 6 and 70, plus another 20 acres. In 1719 he was granted five 30-acre divisions, and in 1720 a 55-acre division (Hebron Deeds, 1:126-8, 159, 198). In 1716 his signature appears on a peti-





Court to settle "the place for a meeting house," which apparently had remained unsettled since 1714.

Stephen Post's career as one of Joshua's legatees exemplifies many of the changes which occurred in the social fabric of Connecticut during the first decades of the 18th century, notably the adoption of the proprietary form of town land ownership and the opening of Eastern Connecticut to settlement with subsequent political disputes over disputed land titles and religious affairs (see also No. 6 below). These social developments are discussed by Richard L. Bushman in his excellent study, *From Puritan to Yankee: Character and the Social Order in Connecticut, 1690-1763* (Cambridge, Mass., 1967).

Stephen Post made grants of land to all of his children, "for love" (Hibdon Deeds, 1:371, 3:33-4, 38, 43, 44, 207). He gave 100 acres to Thomas in 1723; in 1735 he deeded 150 acres plus a 1000-acre right to Stephen, Jr., 150 acres and a 1000-acre right to son Gideon, and to daughter Hannah's children and his other five daughters (all named) a farm west of land given to Stephen and Gideon (which was divided by lots between his sons-in-law in 1747), and a 100-acre farm at "Dicerson's Pond" to his five sons and six daughters (all named). In 1736, he gave a 100-acre right to son Thomas, and in 1737, three parcels of land (153 acres) to Phineas and 150 acres (the "farm I now live on") plus a 1000-acre right to Israel. Finally, in 1744, he deeded part of 20 acres to sons Gideon and Stephen, Jr.

In his will, dated 5 October 1745, Stephen Post names his wife Hannah, sons Stephen, Thomas, Gideon, Phineas and Israel Post, and daughters Hannah Trumbull, Mary Hutchison, Ester Dunham, and Dorcy Beckwith. The inventory, taken 15 June 1752, amounted to £4061 16s. 9d., indicating that Stephen had profited as one of Joshua's legatees (Colchester Probate Dist., File no. 2471). The gravestones of both Stephen Post and his wife Hannah are in a style unique to the Hebron cemetery, apparently the work of a carver from outside the area.

Children, born at Saybrook. (Saybrook Deeds, 2:74), the last born at Hebron, surname Post:

- i. HENRI<sup>1</sup> b. 29 March 1682/3, d. Hebron, 7 May 1752, aged 69 yrs (g.s.); m. (1) DEBORAH b. 12 May 1686, d. Hebron, 7 Nov. 1726 (g.s.), son of Samuel and Ruth (Dadon) Barber, m. (2) Hebron, 14 Dec. 1732 (Rev.) JOHN BURN b. at Norwich, 23 Oct. 1692; d. at Hebron, 1 Feb. 1741 (g.s.), son of Samuel and Anne (Dedden) Burn, m. (2) at Hebron, 27 Oct. 1742, as his second wife, (Capt.) BENJAMIN TRUMBULL, b. at Seffield 10 Aug. 1684, d. at Hebron, 24 July 1770, aged 84 yrs (g.s.), son of Joseph and Hannah (Bonds) Trumbull (Debit Society for Genealogical Research Magazine, 19[1951-52]: 4-9). Hannah had seven children by her first husband, surname Barber (see John Barber White, Barber Genealogy [Haverhill, Mass., 1904]: 42-3) and two children by her second husband, surname Burn (see Aaron Tyler Biss, Genealogy of the Burn Family in America [Millard, Mich., 1902]: 55-56).

- ii. a. STEPHEN, b. 8 Sept. 1685, m. (1) Mary Downall, (2) Dr-<sup>1</sup> and EATON

- iii. MARY, b. 13 March 1686/7; d. at Andover, 3 May 1778, aged 81 yrs (g.s.), m. at Hebron, 15 Aug. 1726 HENRY HATCHERSON, b. ca. 1697, d. at

Children, b.p. at Westbrook, surname Post: 1 Elizabeth<sup>2</sup>, b.p. 16 April 1736; 2 Sarah, b.p. 26 Sept 1740.

5. DANIEL<sup>3</sup> POST (Abraham<sup>2</sup>, Stephen<sup>1</sup>) was born at Saybrook, 28 November 1673. The date of his death is not recorded nor is there any probate for him. He was certainly living in 1740 and was probably still living in 1742 (see deeds below). He married at Saybrook, 29 August 1698, MARY RUTTY, who was born at Killingworth 16 February 1679, daughter of Edward and Rebecca (Stevens) Rutty. She died before 31 December 1734 when Daniel, Benjamin, and Isaac Post received their mother's share of her sister Sarah Carter's estate (John Stevens, 66).

In March of 1694/5 Daniel's brother Stephen deeded to him his portion from the estate of his father: one-half of the meadow Abraham Post purchased from Edward Codner, one-half of the warehouse, and two acres at Tullies Point meadow. That same year he and his brother Jordan sold John Clark 20 acres and purchased from him 50 acres (Saybrook Deeds, 1:238, 244). In 1720 his brother Stephen also deeded him a third of a £100 right in common lands (ibid., 1:140; see No. 1). There are various other land purchases for him: one acre from Robert Lay in 1719; 10 acres from his brother Jordan in 1724, six and a half acres from Peabody Grenell in 1736, at which time he was called Daniel Post Sr. In 1738 bounds were established between his property and that of his brother Abraham and Samuel Bushnell (see No. 3). On 25 June 1739 he sold a third of a £100 right in commons to William Tully and on 17 September 1740 his brother deeded him and Samuel Bushnell 4 acres. He was probably still living on 7 September 1742 when his son is called Daniel, Jr., in a deed whereby he sold 30 acres to Benjamin Jones (ibid., 3:132, 308, 404; 5:135, 4:283; 7:441).

The Saybrook town records show that on 18 September 1722 Daniel signed a protest against conveying a tract of land to Major John Clark. He was a highway surveyor for the years 1724 and 1734, a tithingman for 1724, and a tencowser for 1735. He and his son Daniel are listed as privates when the First Militia Company of Saybrook was divided in 1724 (Conn Arch., Militia Papers, Ser. 1, 1:254). The tax list of 1724 for West Saybrook shows him with an estate of £122 16s., and his signature, with that of William Seward, is on the 17 October 1726 petition of a committee of West Saybrook for help toward building a meeting house (ibid., Eccl. Affairs, Ser. 1, 3:70, 73). He owned the covenant at the Westbrook Church about 1727 or 1728.

Children, born at Saybrook (Saybrook Deeds, 2-6), surname Post:

1. DANIEL<sup>4</sup> is 26 Feb 1700/1, probably living in 1742 when his son deeded land to Daniel, Jr. (Saybrook Deeds, 7:596) m. at Saybrook, 28 Jan. 1724/5, SARAH STEVENS, b. at Killingworth 15 Dec. 1700, daughter of Thomas and Deborah (\_\_\_\_\_) Stevens (John Stevens, 60). He was admitted a communicant at Westbrook Church (1719-30), and dismissed. He sold to Capt. John Murdoch 24 acres "where I now dwell" in 1753, and in 1758, 4 acres with house, barn and orchard "where I now dwell" (Saybrook Deeds, 7:287, 777).

Children, bp. at Westbrook, surname Post

1. Sybil<sup>2</sup>, b. 11 Feb. 1728/9

2. Samuel, bp. Feb. 1728

3. Anthony, bp. (Feb.?) 1730.

4. Mary, bp. 5 March 1731/2.

5. Elizabeth, bp. 30 March 1734/5

6. Jane, bp. 18 April 1738, d. at East Haddam 26 Feb. 1777, m. at Killingworth (Ct.) 6 June 1757, Joseph Selden, son of Joseph and Eliza (Chalkers) Selden, bp. 16 May 1736 (Edwin van Deusen Selden, Selden Ancestry [Old City, Pa., 1936], 73-74, 114, q. v. for more about their nine children)

7. Daniel, bp. (Feb./June) 1741, prob. the Daniel Post who d. at Chester (Ct.) 4 May 1786, if this does not refer to his father above

19. E. Benjamin b. 3 Jan. 1703/4; m. MARY COLE

m. SAMUEL b. 7 June 1708 d. prob. y.

20. H. Isaac b. 19 June 1713, m. LYNN MOORE

V CORNELIUS b. 22 Sept. 1717, d. at Greenfield, Mass., 17 Aug. 1803, aged 86 yrs (g.s.). m. (1) at Saybrook, 12 Jan. 1743/4 Susan Kelsey b. at Killingworth, 18 Dec. 1721, d. prob. at Westbrook, (pa. 1 Oct.) 1775; dau. William and Sarah (Wilcox) Kelsey (Kelsey Gen., 1-211). He m. (2) at Westbrook, 25 Dec. 1775, Mary (J. West) CORNELL (GREENE), b. ca. 1726; d. at Greenfield, Mass., 11 Sept. 1803, aged 76 yrs (g.s.); widow of William Cornell and probably the daughter of John Wise (Van Rumburgh, "The Descendants of Daniel Cornell" in *The Genealogist*, 7-4 [1966-67]:201-203, 262). Cornelius served in a number of offices for the town of Saybrook. He was a select 1746, a highway surveyor 1748, a grand juror 1751, a constable 1753 through 1756, a select 1759 and 1761, a highway surveyor 1768, and a select again in 1769.

Child, b. at Saybrook, surname Post: 1. Phoebe, b. 12 April 1745, perhaps the Phoebe Post who m. at Westbrook, 10 Nov. 1766, Bailey Wilford of Guilford (Joseph Wilford and Charles Willet Walker, *Wilford Genealogy* [Boronia, Mass., 1915], 27)

6. JORDAN<sup>2</sup> POST (Abraham<sup>1</sup>, Stephen<sup>1</sup>) was born at Saybrook, 27 May 1676, and died at Hebron, 20 January 1748, aged 72 years (g.s.). He married at Saybrook, 17 November 1703, Priscilla LAY, who was living at the date of his will. She was undoubtedly the Phoebe Lay born at Lyme, 13 January 1684, daughter of John "the Drummer" and Sarah (\_\_\_\_\_) Lay, who shared in the distribution of her father's estate before her marriage (see Descendants of John Lay, Sr. who settled at Lyme, Connecticut prior to 1643 (n.d., n.p.)).

In 1645 his brother Stephen granted him his portion from the estate of their father: one-half of the meadow purchased by Abraham Post from Edward Codner; one-half of the warehouse, and 14 acres at Pasconk. In that same year he and his brother Daniel sold John Clarke 20 acres and purchased from him 50 acres (Saybrook Deeds, 1-140, 344-4). In 1704 he sold 23 acres with dwelling house to Robert Lay (*Ibid.*, 1-181) and purchased 19 acres in Haddam from Nicholas Noyes of Salem (Haddam Deeds, 2-19). He moved to Haddam about 1706 when his cattle mark at Saybrook was recorded to his brother Abraham (Saybrook Deeds, 1-137). He was of Haddam on 16 February 1706/9 when he sold horse lot No. 77 in Hebron to Edward Ratty of Killingworth (Hebron Deeds, 1-53). In 1713

57) 188) and he m. (2) at Westbrook, 26 Feb. 1789 Anne GLADDEN, b. perhaps at Saybrook 28 Aug. 1744, dau. of Silas Gladden. She was bp. as an adult and owned the covenant at Westbrook Ch. 3 Oct. 1790. He served as a private in Capt. Benton's Co., 6 July to 3 December 1780 (Colls. Conn. Hist. Soc., 12[1904] 215; Conn. Arch., Rev. War Ser. 1, 17-18). He was a liter in Saybrook for the years 1763 and 1784, and beginning in 1788 was hewer [hayward] for many years.

Children by second wife, Anne Gladden, bp. at Westbrook, surname Post:

1. *Hezekiah*<sup>8</sup>, bp. Oct. 1790; d. at Centerbrook (Ct.) 8 March 1871, aged 81 yrs, m. at Westbrook 15 April 1817 Anne Clark b. ca. 1796; d. at Centerbrook (Ct.) 7 June 1868, aged 72 yrs. He served as a private in the War of 1812.
2. *Ann*, bp. 2 Oct. 1791, m. at Westbrook 4 Oct. 1816 Mariah Hayfren.
3. *Remond*, bp. 1 Dec. 1793, d. 12 Oct. 1794.
4. *Deuter*, bp. 3 April 1796; d. possibly at Cromwell 14 Feb. 1851, aged 35 yrs (g. i. m. 19 Oct. 1830 Laura Sage of Middletown (Middletown VRs, Cromwell CRs, 1-49).
5. *Charles*, bp. 2 Oct. 1797.
6. *Russel*, bp. 19 July 1801, m. at Westbrook 18 Nov. 1831 Electa M. Spencer.
7. *Infant son*, d. 30 Nov. 1801.

1<sup>9</sup> BENJAMIN<sup>8</sup> POST (David<sup>7</sup>, Abraham<sup>6</sup>, Stephen<sup>5</sup>) was born at Saybrook 3 January 1703/4, and died, presumably at Westbrook, before 14 April 1756 (see probate below). He married at Saybrook, 2 January 1734/5 MARY COLE. As widow Mary Post, she was admitted to communion in the Westbrook Church 13 March 1743. She died before 23 December 1762 when David, Jonathan, George, and Simeon Post, Joseph Cobb, and Lucy Spencer deeded to brother Benjamin Post "one certain piece of land that was under the improvement of our honored mother Mary Post Dec'd containing five acres . . . it being the northwest corner of the land that belonged to our honored father Benjamin Post Dec'd" (Saybrook Deeds, 9-403).

Very little information survives concerning Benjamin. There is no probate for his father and Benjamin does not appear in the Saybrook deeds. He is listed as a private when the First Militia Company of Saybrook was divided in 1724 (Conn. Arch., Milita Papers, Ser. 1, 1:254). The only mention of him in the Saybrook town records is that he served as a hayward for the year 1739. He apparently was not a member of the Westbrook Church as most of his children were baptized there as adults: David, 26 March 1758, Jonathan, Benjamin, Mabel, and Lucy, 27 January 1745, George, 20 Dec. 1778, and Simeon, 17 March 1762.

Mary Post was granted administration on the estate of Benjamin Post 14 April 1756. The small inventory, dated 4 May 1756, amounted to £67 3s 8d. Distribution was made 16 November 1756 to the widow and children David, Jonathan, Reuben, Benjamin, George, Simeon, Mabel, and Lucy Post. On 15 May 1756, Jonathan, Reuben, Benjamin and Mabel Post chose their uncle Isaac Post as guardian and Mary Post was guardian to George.

Post. There are other guardianship papers in the probate file, largely illegible on the microfilm edition (Guilford Probate File, not numbered)

Children; surname Port

1. (Deacon) Denny<sup>2</sup>, b. at Saybrook 1 Oct. 1735; d. at Essex 17 Dec. 1803, aged 68 yrs (g.s., nec. Saybrook Probate File 1780), m. at Westbrook 12 Dec. 1756 Debraut Wasp of Guilford, b. 3 Oct. 1741, d. at Essex 2 Dec. 1803, aged 62 yrs (g.s.), perhaps dau. of Peter and Deborah (Hall) Ward (see Abram Talcott, comp., *Families of Early Guilford, Connecticut* [Baltimore, 1964], 1190). He owned the covenant, Westbrook Ch., 24 March 1758, adms. to covenant with wife Deborah, 25 March 1761. As a private, he marched to West Chester in Capt. Wolfe's Co., Lexington Alarm, Sept. 1775 (see Colls. Conn. Hist. Soc., I [1903] 163). He served in the following Saybrook town officer: hiltzman for 1761 and 1767, highway surveyor, 1762 and 1766 and grand juror for 1772.

Children, b. at Saybrook, surname Port

1. Child<sup>4</sup>, b. 27 Oct. 1760, bp. at Westbrook 3 Nov. 1760; d. at Centerbrook (CRs) in Jan. 1829.
2. Ward, b. 17 Oct. 1762; d. at Washington, N.C. Nov. 1807, aged 45 yrs (g.s., Essex, d. Oct. 1807, Centerbrook: CRs) (see Saybrook Probate File 1800); m. at Centerbrook (CRs), 12 June 1790, Sarah Buckingham, b. 4 March 1771, d. at Essex 12 Feb. 1825, aged 48 yrs (g.s.). He was a private in Capt. Smith's Co., Col. E. Mead's Regt., misc. rolls, and of Litchfield, corp., Col. Canfield's Militia Regt. at West Point, Sept. 1791 (Henry P. Johnston, ed., *The Record of Connecticut Men in the Military and Naval Service During the War of the Revolution* [Hartford, 1869], 563, 619).
3. David, b. 7 Sept. 1764, d. at Essex 21 June 1823, aged 59 yrs (g.s.); m. at Westbrook in Jan. 1794, Lucinda Port, prob. bp. there 30 May 1768 (No. 144a.2), d. at Centerbrook (CRs) in May 1842. She m. (2) at East Haddam (CRs), 32 May 1827 Ezra Brainerd.
4. Mary / Mabel, b. 28 Nov. 1766; d. 12 Jan. 1842; m. at Old Saybrook (CRs), 8 Jan. 1794 Robert Dutton.
5. Lucy, b. 17 Nov. 1768, d. at Essex (VFs) 10 Dec. 1836, aged 68 yrs—m. at Centerbrook (CRs), 28 Nov. 1793 Lucy Dutton, b. 3 Jan. 1776, d. at Saybrook 31 Dec. 1891, aged 93 yrs (g.s.).
6. John, b. 2 Sept. 1770, d. at Essex 18 June 1821, aged 50 yrs (g.s.), see Saybrook Probate File 1814, m. (1) at Saybrook (CRs), 4 Jan. 1794 Lucy Buckingham, b. 7 July 1772, d. at Essex 24 Aug. 1806, aged 33 yrs (g.s.), m. (2) Fanny \_\_\_\_\_, b. ca. 1785, d. at Essex 2 Sept. 1821, aged 40 yrs (g.s.).
7. Nathan, b. 20 Aug. 1772; d. at Essex 2 Oct. 1859, aged 87 yrs (g.s.), m. at Saybrook 31 Dec. 1797, Elizabeth Buckingham, b. 28 Nov. 1776, d. at Essex 8 Sept. 1858, aged 75 yrs (g.s.). He served as a private in the year of 1812.
8. Jay, b. 10 May 1774, d. at Essex 30 July 1846 (g.s.), m. at Centerbrook (CRs) 10 Sept. 1820 Cynthia Pratt, b. 19 Jan. 1782 (g.s.), d. at Essex 29 Aug. 1856 (g.s.).
9. Deborah, b. 14 Nov. 1776; d. at Essex 25 Nov. 1843, aged 68 yrs (g.s.), m. at Essex (CRs) 8 June 1794, Samuel Lay, 2nd, b. 12 June 1771, d. at Essex 28 Nov. 1824, aged 53 yrs (g.s. checked by Jean Rumsey; in correctly given as 1821 in Hale Coll., CSL)—son of Samuel and Deborah (Buckingham) Lay (Jean Rumsey).

10. Russell, b. 11 Sept. 1778, d. at Essex 2 Nov. 1876, aged 98 yrs (g.s.), m. at Centerbrook (CRa), 24 Sept. 1801 Jeremiah Pelton, b. 3 Aug. 1778, d. at Essex 6 Feb. 1862, aged 73 yrs (g.s.). The Conn. State Library has a typescript of his Bible Accord.
11. Swann, b. 7 Feb. 1781, d. at Essex 28 Oct. 1856, aged 74 yrs (g.s.), m. at Centerbrook (CRa) 21 Dec. 1799, Grifester Tooker, b. at Lyme 8 May 1773, d. at Essex 10 March 1841, aged 68 yrs (g.s.).
12. Benjamin Franklin, b. 28 Aug. 1783, d. at Essex 19 March 1864, aged 80 yrs (g.s.); m. 25 Nov. 1804 (Post Ma.), Hepzibah Pratt, b. 8 March 1777, d. at Essex 20 Nov. 1860, aged 83 yrs (g.s.). As a private, he served in the War of 1812.
13. Olive, b. 28 Oct. 1783, d. at Essex 18 Nov. 1786, aged 3 wks (g.s.).
14. Jonathan, b. ca. 1734, d. at Essex 22 June 1800, aged 66 yrs (g.s.), m. Sarah Harmon, who d. at Centerbrook 21 March 1816 (CRa). He was in Capt. Wood's Co., French and Indian War (grave marker). Sylvester, Demeo, and Jonathan, ch. of Jonathan and Sybil, were bp. at Centerbrook (CRa) 27 Aug. 1775. He served the town of Saybrook as jenseviewer for the years 1774, 1777, 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781, 1785, 1787, and 1789-1794 and was a tithingman for 1780 and 1792. His will, dated 22 June 1802 mentions sons Sylvester and Jonathan Post and daughter Demeo Chittenden (Saybrook Probate File 1796).  
Children, surname Post:
  1. Sylvester<sup>6</sup>, b. ca. 1768, d. at Shelton (Huntington CRa) 11 June 1840, aged 72 yrs (g.s.), m. there 1 Dec. 1803, Deborah / Dolly Birdsey, b. 1784, d. at Shelton 15 Aug. 1863, aged 72 yrs 7 mos (g.s.).
  2. Deme, b. ca. 1771, d. at Saybrook 8 March 1842, aged 70 yrs (g.s.), m. at Centerbrook (CRa) 24 Nov. 1793 Joseph Chittenden who d. at Saybrook 4 April 1844, aged 79 yrs (g.s.).
  3. Jonathan b. ca. 1773, d. at Essex 26 Oct. 1813, aged 40 yrs (g.s.). He was a private in the War of 1812. His will, dated 24 Oct. 1813 (Saybrook, Probate File 1796), mentions mother Sybil and brother Sylvester Post; nephew Joseph and sister Demeo Chittenden, and Sarah Swann (no relationship stated).
  4. Hubert, bp. at Centerbrook (CRa) 5 Dec. 1779, d. there 15 June 1786.
15. Reuben, living 16 Nov. 1796 (date of father's estate); d. apparently before the above-mentioned deed of 23 Dec. 1782. He may be the man of that name who served 34 days "at the time of Alarm for Relief of Fort Mifflin-Henry and Parts adjacent August 1757" under Capt. Nathaniel Johnson of Guilford in Col. Willard's Regiment, and from 1 April 1758 until his death on 21 Sept. 1758 at Fort No. 4 (now Charlestown NH.) under Capt. Andrew Ward Jr. of Guilford in Gen. Lyman's Regiment (Col. of Conn. Historical Society, vols. 1 and 10).
16. Benjamin, b. ca. 1741, d. at Westbrook 3 May 1825, aged 84 yrs (g.s., see Saybrook Probate File 1778), m. (1) at Westbrook 2 Jan. 1770 Deborah Casanova, b. at Saybrook, 9 Dec. 1741, d. at Westbrook 4 June 1775, aged 34 yrs (g.s.), dau. of Caleb and Deborah (Jones) Chapman (see Chapman Fam., 64), m. (2) at Killingworth (CRa) 18 April 1776 Ranna Hunt, b. ca. 1738, d. at Westbrook 7 Sept. 1817, aged 79 yrs (g.s.). He was adm. to coroner, Westbrook Ch., 11 April 1802, member with wife Rebekah, 1812. As a corporal, he had half a day's training at Saybrook, 1775 (Conn. Arch., Rev. War, Ser. 1, 2A Ship. For the year 1777 and for many years from about 1760 he served as sealer of leather for the town of Saybrook.

Children, bp. at Westbrook by first wife Deborah Chapman, surname Post

1. Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, bp. 1 July 1750, d. prob. at Old Saybrook 26 Sept. 1833, aged 83 yrs [ac] (Estate Vols), m. at Westbrook 20 Nov. 1810 Sally Bushnell, bp. there 16 Dec. 1781, d. there 24 Oct. 1853, aged 71 yrs. He apparently served as a musician in the War of 1812.

2. Abn., bp. 26 Jun. 1772, d. 13 [Oct., Nov., or Dec.] 1794

3. Charles, bp. 20 Feb. 1794, d. 5 [Oct.] 1794

Children by second wife Rebecca Hall, surname Post

4. Ada, bp. July 1778, m. at Westbrook 10 Feb. 1799, Chloë Dec., bp. there 16 Jan. 1780, d. there 17 Feb. 1816, aged 37 yrs (gs.)

5. Reuben, bp. 18 June 1780, m. at Westbrook 24 Aug. 1799, Samuel Wright.

v. Maria, b. say ca. 1763 d. apparently before the above mentioned deed of 23-Dec-1783, m. at Westbrook 2 Jan. 1773 Joshua Covert

vi. Lucy, b. 4 June 1766, d. at Essex 11 Jan. 1836, aged 69 yrs (g.s.), m. at Westbrook 5 July 1789, as his second wife, Joseph Spruce, ca. Jr., b. 12 Aug. 1744 d. 15 Nov. 1793, son of Joseph and Lydia (Ginnard) Spruce. Five children, see Henry Williams, *Our New England Ancestors and Their Descendants* (New York, 1900), 62-63.

vii. Gedalia, b. 25 March 1768 (Chapman Ms.), d. at Canaan 26 March 1851, aged 84 yrs (g.s., see Sharon Probate File 2991), m. (1) at Westbrook 16 Jan. 1777, Flora Hall, b. ca. 1755 d. at Canaan 2 June 1789, aged 32 yrs (g.s.), dau. of Michael and Anne (Ginnard) Hall (J.A.G. 25[1789] 237-40), m. (2) 14 March 1789 Emma Lawrence, b. ca. 1765, d. at Canaan 20 Feb. 1843, aged 78 yrs (g.s.). He owned the command with wife Flora, Westbrook Ch., 20 Dec. 1775. As a private he had half a day's training at Saybrook in 1775 (Conn. Arch., Rev. War, Ser. 1, 2A, 56a) and was a private in the 9th Co., 10th Conn't Regt., 1775 (Johnson, *Conn. Men in the Rev. War*, 77). He served the town of Saybrook as riding-master for the year 1777. His widow had a Rev. War pension (W[1766] Hires on the 1790 census for Litchfield, 1:2-4).

Children (Chapman Ms.) by first wife, Flora Hall, surname Post

1. Daughter<sup>2</sup>, b. 16 Nov. 1777, d. at Westbrook 1 Dec. 1777

2. Henry, b. 4 March 1779 bp. at Westbrook 1 May 1779; d. at Canaan 8 April 1863, aged 83 yrs (g.s.), m. there 18 May 1831, Helpah Hoskins, b. ca. 1795, d. at Canaan 17 Sept. 1871, aged 76 yrs (g.s.). He was commissioned ensign 27 Aug. 1801, lieut., 22 Oct. 1804, and capt., 12 Oct. 1815 (Conn. Arch., Militia Papers, Ser. 2, 14 79b, 15 113a, 16 7c).

3. Anne, b. 16 March 1781, bp. at Westbrook 1 May 1781, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Sperry (Chapman Ms.)

4. Harriet (twins), b. 9 April 1783, m. Stephen B. Lounsbury (shd.)

5. Louisa (twins), b. 9 April 1783, m. (1) Grover Gillet, (2) Abrah. Jarvis (shd.)

6. Child, stillborn 1 May 1787

Children by second wife, Esther Lawrence, surname Post

7. George, b. 25 Nov. 1798, m. at Saybrook 30 Jan. 1828 Polly Mearns Conklin (shd.)

8. Flora, b. 28 April 1799; d. at Canaan 11 March 1873, aged 85 yrs (g.s.)

9. Polly, b. 22 Jan. 1792, d. 12 May 1842

10. Melissa, b. 23 April 1795; m. 6 Feb. 1823 Benjamin Russell, Jr., b. at Litchfield 26 Dec. 1783